

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BAMA KO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9222

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FOR PASSPORT OFFICE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CGEN  
SUBJECT: FRENCH VISA SERVICES FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 95322

1. FRENCH HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE MALI VISAS  
FOR SEVERAL YEARS. OCCASIONAL ERRONEOUS ISSUANCES BY FRENCH  
EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY MALIAN PROTESTS.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY IN BAMA KO IS NOR RPT NOT ALLOWED TO ISSUE VISAS  
FOR UPPER VOLTA.

3, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT MALIAN VISA& BE OBTAINED  
BEFORE ARRIVAL AIRPORT VISAS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR OFFICIAL  
VISITORS BY THE EMBASSY IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES.  
IN THIS  
CASE, 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE AND FULL PASSPORT INFORMATION  
ARE REQUIRED. STATUS MUST BE REGULARIZED WITH MALIAN AUTH-  
ORITIES AFTER ARRIVAL.

4. VISITORS TRAVELLING WITH REGULAR PASSPORTS WHO  
ARRIVE WITHOUT VISAS WILL GENERALLY BE ADMITTED TO  
MALI PROVIDED THEY HAVE AN ONWARD TICKET AND CAN  
PLEDGE AT THE PORT OF ENTRY SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO  
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SUPOORT THEMSELVES. THEIR PASSPORTS ARE CONFISCATED  
BY THE POLICE, AND ARE RETURNED AFTER COMPLETION OF VISA  
FORMALITIES. THIS PROCESS USUALLY TAKES 1-2 DAYS.  
ENTRY FOR THOSE WITHOUT VISAS CAN, HOWEVER, IN NO  
CASE BE GUARANTEED.

5. ALL PERSONS REFUSED ENTRY TO MALI ARE PLACED ON THE

NEXT DEPARTING FLIGHT. IN THE INTERIM, THEY MAY BE  
ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT, AT THE DISCREPION OF  
THE AIRPORT POLICE.

6. MALIAN VISAS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MALIAN MISSIONS  
LOCATED IN: ABIDJAN, ACCRA, ALGIERS, EAST BERLIN, BONN, BRUSSELS,  
CAIRO, DAKAR, JIDDA, MOSCOW, NEW YORK, PARIS, PEKING,  
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